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E.9. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MOPS RH BC
SUBJ: BDF SOLDIER KILLED IN CLASH AT KAZUNGULA

1. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT
JULY 20: "A SOLDIER IN THE BOTSWANA DEFENSE FORCE, LANCE/
CORPORAL B. MMATI, WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY THE RHODESIAN
SECURITY FORCES AS KAZUNGULA YESTERDAY. DETAILED INFORMATION
IS STILL AWAITED."

2. BDF COMMANDING GENERAL MERAFHE TOLD EMBOFF JULY 21, THAT
CORPORAL MMATI DIED DURING RELATIVELY LARGE SCALE EXCHANGE OF
FIRE BETWEEN RHODESIAN AND BOTSWANA OUTPOSTS AT
KAZUNGULA. ACCORDING TO MERAFHE, BDF HEADQUARTERS IS STILL
WAITING FOR DETAILS OF INCIDENT FROM ITS COMMANDER IN THE
AREA. AMERICAN MISSIONARIES LIVING AT KAZUNGULA REPORT HAVING
HEARD GUNFIRE DURING NIGHT OF JULY 19-20, ALTHOUGH LEVEL OF
FIRING DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE EXCEEDED THAT OF OTHER
RECENT CLASHES IN FOUR CORNERS AREA. BORDER AREA REMAINS TENSE,
BUT EXCHANGES OF GUNFIRE HAVE CEASED FOR PRESENT.

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3. COMMENT: CORPORAL MMATI IS FIRST CASUALTY FOR BDF SINCE
LESOMA AMBUSH IN FEBRUARY WHEN 15 BDF SOLDIERS WERE KILLED
BY RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES. (REFTELS). HIS DEATH IS CERTAIN
FURTHER TO RAISE CONCERN AMONG BATSWANA OVER CONTINUING
INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE ALONG RHODESIAN/BOTSWANA BORDER.
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